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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: Ex Parte Presentation in WC Docket No. 02-361

Dear Ms. Dortch

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Iowa Telecommunications, Inc. ("Iowa Telecom"), TDS Telecommunications Corp. ("TDS"), D&E Communications, Inc. ("D&E"), and CT Communications Inc. ("CT Comm") (collectively referred to as "Mid-Size Companies" or "Companies") hereby file this notice of ex parte meeting. On January 26, 2004, Alan Wells, President and CEO of Iowa Telecom, James Barr III, President & CEO of TDS, Michael R. Coltrane, Chairman, President & CEO of CT Comm, and Albert H. Kramer, Senior Vice President, Operations, D&E, met with Chairman Michael K. Powell and Christopher Libertelli to discuss matters in the above-captioned proceeding. In accordance with the rules, these companies request that a copy of this ex parte notice be placed in the public file in this proceeding.

Mid-Size Companies serve primarily rural areas of the country. They urged the Commission to quickly decide the issues raised by the AT&T Petition for Declaratory Ruling that seeks to exempt itself from payment of access charges for interstate telecommunications services it originates and terminates on Mid-Size Company networks, but which it routes through Internet Protocol ("IP") facilities. The Companies indicated that this traffic is clearly telecommunications traffic subject to access charges under existing FCC precedent.

Mid-Size Companies expressed concern that, if the Commission does not quickly decide the issues raised in the AT&T Petition, other carriers would be pressured into taking self-help measures similar to those taken by AT&T. This undermines Commission rules and policies. It also undermines the certainty that the Companies need to attract investment in their networks and promote universal service.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michael K. Powell
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